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Applicants: Cottrell et al.
For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES, PARTICULARLY HVC NS3-NS4A
PROTEASE

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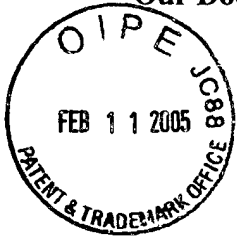
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	B1	WO	03/006490	Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	23 January 2003		
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